

Trustees' Annual Report
for the period
1ST JANUARY 2023 to 31ST DECEMBER 2023

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
SIDMOUTH

Registered Charity No. 1167687

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Address	Manstone Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9TU
Trustees	Besmir Gorrea Hilary Atkinson Catherine Michell John Jackson Bernard Kelly
Number	1167687
Bankers	Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Bank) 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Mr. Terry Hitchins

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

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1 Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the church are:

1 The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Sidmouth and the surrounding neighbourhood,

2 Such other charitable purposes as shall in the opinion of the members of the church in general meeting put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the basis of faith.

2 Public Benefit

The trustees consider that the objectives above fulfill the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

3 Structure, Governance and Management

The church is a registered charity. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) number 1167687 registered on 16 June 2016 and governed by its Constitution dated 21st March 2016

The trustees who served in 2023 were:-

Besmir Gorrea- January – December (Pastor)

Hilary Atkinson – January – February (Deacon)

Catherine Michell – January – February (Deacon)

John Jackson- January – December (Elder)

Bernard Kelly- January – December (Elder)

Day to day governance of the church is in the hands of the Church Council (the Trustees). Major decisions are made by the members at Church Members Business Meetings held as required and normally not less than four times a year. The Annual General Meeting, at which the Secretary and Treasurer report on the work and finances of the church, is normally held towards the end of February.

4. Review of activities

4.1 Services of worship, prayer and the ministry of God's word were held on Sunday mornings together with midweek meetings for prayer and Bible Study.

4.2 Involvement of the the congregation

Many members of the congregation are involved in the work of the Church which would be unable to function without their aid.

4.3 Risk Assessment

Three main areas of risk have been identified, and the following mitigation procedures have been put in place:-

a) The trustees closely monitor and manage the finances to ensure that funds are available for ongoing support of its objectives.

b) DBS checks are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups as part of the charity's activities.

c) Appropriate insurance is in place to protect the charity.

d) A Covid risk assessment was carried out for the church to comply with Government guidelines and rules.

4.4 Charitable giving

The church supports a number of missionaries, Christian workers, Christian organisations and charities both financially and in prayer.

During 2023 these included the following, who were financially supported from church funds:

Robin Asgher at Cranford Baptist Church.
 Clive Barker. A SIM S.E. Asia Field Director..
 The Christian Institute
 Rob Hooks with the London City
 Mission.
 Rich and Zoe – OMF International (UK)

4 Financial Review

The overall difference between receipts and expenses was - £10,965 compared with -£15,918 in 2022. Accumulated funds reduced from £631,778 at 31/12/22 to £100,090 at 31/12/23, a reduction of £531,688. This reduction is accounted for by the purchase of the manse (£520,993) together with the deficit of £10,695. Accumulated funds at 31st December 2023 amounted to £100,090.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
General Fund Receipts				
Free-will offerings		27,968		25,125
Gift Aid refunds		6,935		7,212
Income from solar panels		1,066		755
Interest received		2,070		2,515
Sundry receipts		<u>1,105</u>		<u>387</u>
Total Receipts		39,144		35,994
Transfers from Gold Account		<u>528,989</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Receipts incl. Transfers		568,133		35,994
General Fund Payments				
Pastor's salary (incl. PAYE, pension & expenses)	30,226		22,304	
Pastor's rent re Exmouth property (substitute manse)	2,536		10,725	
Visiting preacher, FIEC donations & conference costs	1,575		2,994	
Church Maintenance	7,347		8,348	
Manse Costs-maintenance & Council Tax	1,433		1,538	
Communications, administration & sundries	2,682		2,603	
Missionary gifts	3,400		3,400	
Outreach	<u>640</u>		<u>0</u>	
Total Payments		49,839		51,912
Purchase of Manse		<u>520,993</u>		
Total Payments incl. Purchase of Manse		570,832		
Excess of payments over receipts		- 2,699		
Transfer from Gold Account		<u>-7,996</u>		
Surplus /Deficit		-10,695		-15,917
Add				
Accumulated fund b/fwd.		631,778		705,195
Less deposit on new manse				-57,500
Purchase of Manse and transfers out		528,989		
Deficit for year		<u>2,699</u>		
Accumulated fund at 31st December		<u>£100,090</u>		<u>£631,778</u>

Represented by:

CAF Bank Current Account	3,093	5,792
CAF Bank Gold Account	<u>96,997</u>	<u>625,986</u>
	<u>£100,090</u>	<u>£631,778</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 & have verified them to be in accordance with the books, records & explanations provided to me by the acting treasurer. I also confirm that no matter has come to my attention which needs further clarification in the accounts.

Signed: Terry Hitchins 12/2/24